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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Response to Arguments**

1. This Advisory Action is in response to the Amendment After-Final filed on 09/21/2009. Claims 40-53, 64, 69-72 and 74-81 are currently pending in the application.

a. In the remarks, the Applicant argues that the combination of Sasakura and Briffett fails to disclose the claimed limitations;

[“whenever the releasable connector is released, the controller effects at least partial disablement of the device in response to the release of the releasable connector”], (see claims 40, 48 and 77).

The examiner, however respectfully disagrees with such an assertion since the examiner must give each presented claimed limitation, its broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the Applicant’s specification.

In contrast to Applicant’s assertion, Sasakura is understood to mention that the phone 30 is disabled when separated for a predetermined distance, (see col. 9, lines 7-29). Sasakura also teaches the connection between the cell-phone 30 and the transmission unit 10 in the owner’s breast pocket (see col. 3, lines 51-58). However, Sasakura fails specifically to teach, “a releasable connector, connecting the device to a person, is release from the connector”

Briffett, which is an analogous art, equivalently mention a connection between belt clip proximity unit 46 and the telephone proximity unit 16, see col. 4, lines 22-60; and Fig. 3-6).

Therefore, the combination of Sasakura and Briffett teaches the argued claimed limitation.

b. All the dependent claims were also rejected by virtue of their dependency on their respective independent claims.

Based on the above response, the Examiner maintains that the combination of Sasakura and Briffett teaches the argued claimed limitations, therefore, the Final Office Action is being maintained.

Any amendments to specifically describe or clarify the Applicant's invention for condition of allowance may require further search and re-consideration.

### **Conclusion**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kwasi Karikari whose telephone number is 571-272-8566. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (9am - 7pm).

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